

CORE TRAINING SERIES



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Generally speaking the Truth78 curricula has been developed for age-specific students in a church classroom setting. However, the structure and format of the curricula allows for much flexibility. Below are some general recommendations for adapting curricula for the following settings:

1. Multi-age classroom
2. Christian school
3. Homeschool

1. USING TRUTH78 CURRICULUM IN A MULTI-AGE CLASSROOM

Although we believe there are distinct advantages to teaching a particular curriculum to a specified age group, we understand this is not always possible. For example, some churches have classes that include children with a six-year age range. If this is the case, here is the first thing to consider before choosing a curriculum:

- Carefully examine the Truth78 Scope and Sequence and curricula descriptions. Each curriculum specifies a targeted age and an age range. We have considered many factors to determine these age ranges. As much as possible, choose a curriculum that best reflects the age range represented in your class.

After choosing a curriculum, you will need to prepare and teach the lessons based on the ages of your students. Here are common things to consider:

- **Vocabulary:** It is not always possible to state things in a way that is both understandable to a young child, and challenging and engaging to an older child. You will need to strive for balance, at times using language that caters more to older students, and at other times caters more to younger students.
- **Involvement:** Engage differing ages by assigning tasks and levels of involvement appropriate to their age. Older students can read texts, participate in more complex illustrations, etc. Younger students can display visuals, help with an illustration, etc.
- **Attention Span:** When using a curriculum geared toward older students, you may need to use more visual or tactile elements to bridge the gap between the attention spans of older and younger students. When using a curriculum geared toward younger students, you may need to challenge the older students by adding Scripture passages and questions that are more complex.

FURTHER TRAINING

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3. USING TRUTH78 CURRICULUM IN A HOMESCHOOL

There are many advantages to using the curricula in a home setting. First, each lesson can be studied over a longer period of time, allowing children more time to listen, absorb, and interact with what they've been taught. Secondly, the whole family can participate in learning and discussing the concepts. Finally, it can serve as a valuable tool for parents to assume their most sacred responsibility: to instruct and disciple their children in the Christian faith. Parents are in a unique position to not only instruct the minds of their children, but also to engage their hearts—imploring and encouraging their children to rightly respond to the truth in their thoughts, feelings, words, and actions.

Scheduling Recommendations for Homeschool Families

TWO-DAY OPTION

Day 1: Present lesson and assign memory verse.

Day 2: Review lesson, discuss application questions, and complete student workbook/journal.

THREE-DAY OPTION

Day 1: Present lesson and assign memory verse.

Day 2: Review lesson, discuss application questions, and complete student workbook/journal.

Day 3: Choose additional activity from the lesson, Growing in Faith Together/Parent Resource Page, or the Appendix section of the Teacher's Guide.

FIVE-DAY OPTION

Day 1: Present lesson and assign memory verse.

Day 2: Review lesson and discuss application questions.

Day 3: Complete student workbook/journal.

Day 4: Choose an additional activity from the lesson, Growing in Faith Together/Parent Resource Page, or the Appendix section of the Teacher's Guide.

Day 5: Create a simple test or quiz, or do a service or mission project.

Tips for Using the Curricula in the Home

- Parents are best suited to make the most meaningful application of these biblical truths when they “walk by the way” as a family (Deuteronomy 6:7).
- Review the lesson to see where you can use real-situations for the illustrations given.
- Use suggested objects or talk through an illustration—making the same points without using the objects.
- If desired, omit an illustration. Some illustrations are especially suited for the classroom to keep the attention of a group of children. You can omit these at home.
- Make space adjustments. For example, in the *Faithful to All His Promises* curriculum, the promises are printed on a large card to post in a classroom. If you do not have space for this, you can put the cards in a three-ring notebook.
- Make number adjustments. For example, in *The ABCs of God*, the curriculum asks for nine children to each take a card to spell the word “Incomprehensible.” Simply divide the cards among the number of children you have.
- Assign older children to present one of the illustrations. They will have fun executing this, and it will take a task off your teaching plate.

Different Ways to Involve Dads

- Dad can be the Bible teacher for your homeschool or share the responsibility with Mom.
- Dad could teach a portion of the lesson before leaving for work, or follow up with review at supper time.
- Dad could be responsible for any portion of the curriculum (lesson, application, workbook/notebook, or Growing in Faith Together/Parent Resource Page).
- Dad could be responsible for the memory verse teaching and review.
- Dad can make practical application of the lesson in real life.



Equipping the Next Generations
to Know, Honor, and Treasure God

Truth78 is a vision-oriented ministry for the next generations—that they may know, honor, and treasure God, setting their hope in Christ alone, so that they will live as faithful disciples for the glory of God.

Our mission is to nurture the faith of the next generations by equipping the church and home with resources and training that instruct the mind, engage the heart, and influence the will through proclaiming the whole counsel of God.

We are committed to developing resources and training that are God-centered, Bible-saturated, Gospel-focused, Christ-exalting, Spirit-dependent, doctrinally grounded, and discipleship-oriented.

RESOURCES AND TRAINING MATERIALS

Truth78 currently offers the following categories of resources and training materials:

VISION-CASTING AND TRAINING

We offer a wide variety of booklets, video and audio seminars, articles, and other practical training resources that highlight and further expound our vision, mission, and values, as well as our educational philosophy and methodology. Many of these resources are freely distributed through our website. These resources and trainings serve to assist ministry leaders, volunteers, and parents in implementing Truth78's vision and mission in their churches and homes.

CURRICULUM

We publish materials designed for formal Bible instruction. The scope and sequence of these materials reflects our commitment to teach children and youth the whole counsel of God over the course of their education. Materials include curricula for Sunday School, Midweek Bible programs, Backyard Bible Clubs or Vacation Bible School, and Intergenerational studies. Most of these materials can be adapted for use in Christian schools and education in the home.

PARENTING AND FAMILY DISCIPLESHIP

We have produced a variety of materials and training resources designed to help parents disciple their children. These include booklets, video presentations, family devotionals, children's books, articles, and other recommended resources.

Furthermore, our curricula include Growing in Faith Together (GIFT) Pages to help parents apply what is taught in the classroom to their child's daily experience in order to nurture faith.

BIBLE MEMORY

Our Fighter Verses Bible memory program is designed to encourage churches, families, and individuals in the lifelong practice and love of Bible memory. The Fighter Verses program utilizes an easy-to-use Bible memory system with carefully chosen verses to help fight the fight of faith. For pre-readers, Foundation Verses features 76 key verses with simple images. Visit FighterVerses.com for weekly devotionals and free memory aids. Download the Fighter Verses App for quizzes, songs, devotionals, review reminders and other helps.

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